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In re Application of

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Title: METHOD FOR INTRAVASCULAR LOCALIZATION AND IMAGING WITHOUT
X-RAYS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (amended) A computer program which includes program sections
for executing the method as claimed in claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

14. (new) A computer program which includes program sections for
controlling a device as claimed in claim 10.

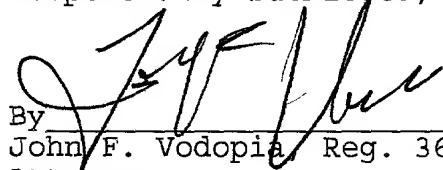
15. (new) A computer program which includes a medical instrument
as claimed in claim 11 during execution of the computer program by
a computer.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

13. (amended) A computer program which includes program sections for executing the method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or for controlling a device as claimed in claim 10 and/or a medical instrument as claimed in claim 11 during execution of the computer program by a computer.~~